

under Section 2, Rule 4 to a resolution which proposes an amendment to the Constitution, that is, the resolution will be subjected to a public hearing. It may be killed by the committee. If it is killed by the committee, just like a bill, 30 votes would be required to consider and adopt that resolution. That's what the rule says. Now I think it's pretty straightforward. We decided some years ago when we put this particular section in our rule book that we did not want significant items like amendments to the Nebraska Constitution to be treated in the same fashion as a resolution commemorating the Clearwater basketball team wherein Senator DeCamp was simply able to utter the magic word, Clearwater, and the resolution was adopted. We are saying simply that an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution is as important if not more so than a bill and is to be treated in an identical manner which means 30 votes are required to raise it from committee after the committee has killed it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Conway, then Senator Beutler, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, there is no one in the body that gets the rules enforced against them more than I and I am willing to accept that, but I'm also insistent that when I'm right, whether you agree or disagree with the rule, that you don't use a double standard. Now Senator Johnson is a lawyer and he can understand what I'm going to say next real clear. Number one, whether you agree or disagree, right or wrong, the general rule in the book is that resolutions, for constitutional amendments, are considered and adopted. In other words, General File, Select File, Final Reading. That is the general rule, public hearing, they already had that anyway. The specific rule, whether it should be there or not, I'm not going to agree or disagree on, but the specific rule is very clear. It's on page 28 and it specifically says that it shall take a majority when a resolution is killed in committee to revive it on the floor. Now every other place it speaks of constitutional amendments the rule deals with it, makes the exception. In this one it specifically does not make exception. It is a very specific rule applying to all resolutions. That's the rule. Don't fault me for wanting to utilize the rules. 30 votes is a high on to impossible thing on this particular issue as everybody knows. 25 is a long shot. All I'm trying to do is follow the rules to the best benefit. When I started out